

Amended Announcement

United States Circuit Court Judge Peter W. Hall, Chair of the Second Circuit CJA and Pro Bono Committee, announces that the Circuit Court of Appeals and all the District Courts within the Circuit have agreed on a new initiative designed to expedite the processing of CJA vouchers in both the Circuit and District Courts. All vouchers submitted for processing to the Circuit or District Courts within the Circuit for cases received on or after July 15, 2008 must be typewritten on the official “pdf” fillable voucher and worksheet forms provided for that purpose by the Courts on their websites. No other forms will be accepted after July 15, 2008. Additionally, CJA Form 26 in the District Courts and CJA Form 27 for Appellate Vouchers in the Court of Appeals will be substituted for the Attorney’s Affidavit in Support of a Voucher Claiming Excess Compensation, the use of which will be discontinued. These forms along with instruction sheets (CJA Form 26A and on the Circuit and District Court websites.

It has been called to the Circuit's attention that some of our panel members would experience a substantial hardship in instances where they have been working on an assigned case for many months and are now required to convert their already filled out, but unbilled worksheets, to our new fillable forms. Recognizing this problem, the Circuit has agreed that the requirement that all vouchers be submitted on fillable forms shall apply only to new cases received on or after July 15, 2008. Of course, any panel member who can switch to the fillable forms immediately is free to do so.